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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER OECD MEETINGS: SUBSTANDARD SHIPS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS IN REGARD TO PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM
7 (SUBSTANDARD SHIPS) OF THE SEPT. 22 OECD MEETING OF THE
MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (MTC). INFORMATION PERTAINING
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TO OTHER PARTS OF THE AGENDA WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE MEETING
BY RICHARD BANK (EB/TCA/MA).

2. U.S. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ANNEXED TO DAF/MTC/77.27
("QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD
COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON SUBSTANDARD SHIPS") FOLLOW:

ILO INSTRUMENTS

A. ILO CONVENTION 147 (MINIMUM STANDARDS IN MERCHANT VESSELS:

1) NO.

2) NO. THIS QUESTION HINGES ON THE ISSUE OF CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO ITSELF. THE U.S. POSITION ON RATIFICATION OF ILO CONVENTION 147 MUST AWAIT RESOLUTION OF THIS LARGER QUESTION.

3) SEE NUMBER 2.

4) NO. THE U.S. HAS NOT REACHED THIS STAGE REGARDING THE CONVENTION, FOR THE REASON INDICATED ABOVE.

B. ILO RECOMMENDATION 155 (IMPROVING STANDARDS IN MERCHANT VESSELS):

5) YES, THE U.S. IS TAKING MANY OF THE STEPS SUGGESTED IN PARA. 3, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE MORE RECENT ILO INSTRUMENTS. (A PRECISE TIMETABLE FOR ACTION ON SOME OF THE OLDER INSTRUMENTS IS MORE UNCERTAIN.) AT PRESENT, MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION 155 ARE IN THE INTRAGOVERNMENTAL CLEARING PROCESS.
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IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT PROVISIONS OF ILO RECOMMENDATION 155 HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LABOR AND MANAGEMENT GROUPS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT, AS A MATTER OF COURSE, SCRUTINIZE SUCH AGREEMENTS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND THEREFORE HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING TO WHAT DEGREE THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE.

6) IT REMAINS TOO EARLY TO IDENTIFY

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POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION.

IMCO INSTRUMENTS

C. RESOLUTION A321(IX) (CONTROL OF SHIPS PROCEDURES) WITH "SUBSTANDARD SHIPS' GUIDELINES OF CONTROL PROCEDURES":

7) YES, THE USG IS IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION.

8) NOT APPLICABLE.

9) NONE IN PARTICULAR ARE ENVISIONED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THE OUTCOME OF THE FEB. IMCO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THIS RESPONSE.

10) THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION DEPENDS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE MENTIONED IN RESPONSE NUMBER 9 (ABOVE) AND ALSO ON THE OUTCOME OF THE IMCO JOINT MSC/MEPC MEETING ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION.

3. REGARDING PARA. 2, DAF/MTC/77.27, THE US DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN AND CONCURS THAT OECD DUPLICATION OF ILO AND IMCO EFFORTS MUST BE AVOIDED. THE US AGREES THAT IT MAY BE USEFUL
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TO COMPILE A RECORD OF THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE CITED INSTRUMENTS AMONG OECD MEMBER STATES, AS WELL AS TO SURVEY THE VARIOUS MEANS THAT ARE BEING EMPLOYED TO ENFORCE THE MEASURES CALLED FOR IN THE INSTRUMENTS. SIMILARLY, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO KNOW WHAT PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE INSTRUMENTS POSE DIFFICULTIES FOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET ADOPTED THEM.
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4. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS PERTAIN TO THE BROADER U.S. VIEW OF SUBSTANDARD SHIP MEASURES:

IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTION 321, IMCO MSC CIRCULAR 219 OF 20 DEC. 1976 CONTAINS A SET OF GUIDELINES ENTITLED "SUB-STANDARD SHIPS: GUIDELINES ON CONTROL PROCEDURES," AS WELL AS A FORMAT FOR PORT STATE REPORT OF DEFICIENCIES. SUCH PROCEDURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE U.S. AND WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT THE NOV. JOINT MEETING OF THE IMCO MSC/MEPC ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION, IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEB. IMCO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON SUCH MATTERS. VANCE

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